



Cyril the Squirrel Books

ADVANCE INFORMATION SHEET

Title:	<i>Brian the Lion</i>
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Author & Illustrator:	Jo Wright
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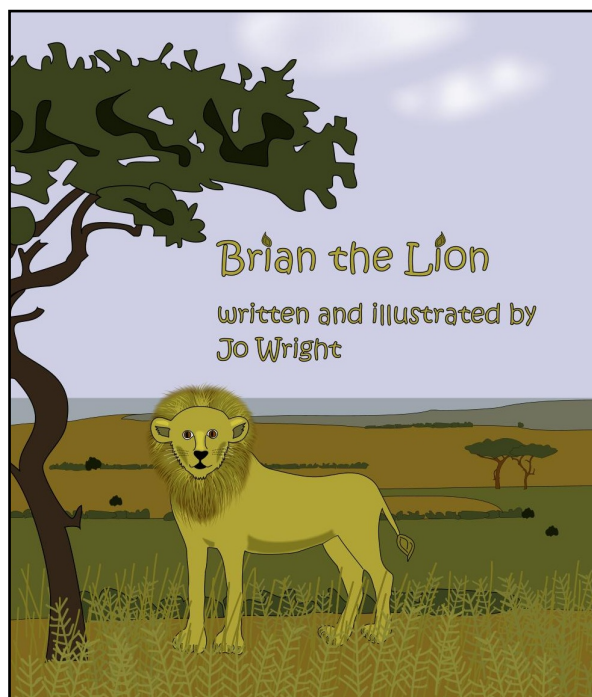
Praise for Jo Wright's illustrations: "For kids who love animals, the brightly coloured, bold illustrations are sure to engage them." Sunshine Smile Publications

Brian the Lion is the second title in a new series of children's picture books called Cyril the Squirrel and Friends, written and illustrated by Jo Wright. The book is suitable to be read to toddlers/infants and also by children as they learn to read (5 to 8 years). It is written to challenge as well as entertain young readers and listeners with the inclusion of a few longer words to broaden vocabularies, and this aspect will appeal to discerning parents and teachers. Quite apart from this, however, the book appeals to a wide range of children due to its colourful artwork and rhyming animal story. The illustrations feature a range of wild animals in an African landscape.

Brian is a jumpy lion who is repeatedly startled by smaller, cheeky animals (a hare, a chimpanzee and a vulture), which makes him grumpy, until eventually he decides to stand up to them. It is a story of mild bullying and courage, disguised in an amusing animal tale with plenty of colourful illustrations of wild animals that will appeal to young children.

About the Author:

Jo Wright is in her late thirties and lives in Warwickshire. She has BA (Hons), MA and PhD degrees in literature, her thesis being written on contemporary magical realist fiction in Africa, the Caribbean and South Asia. After a fifteen year career in higher education, including senior management roles, she decided to leave this behind her to spend more time with her family and write, illustrate and publish children's books. *Brian the Lion* is her second published title.



Selling Points:

- Series features rhyming sounds in its titles which are spelt differently (Brian/Lion) to help children learn about the oddities of the English language.
- Promotes reflection on relationships between different types of animals, and about relationships and interactions more generally.
- Features illustrations of a range of African animals, always favourites with young children.
- Rhyme and repetition.